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SUBJECT: Contact with Communist Chinese

REF STATE 201960; USHATO 3555

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STATE 201960. No other correspondents have inquired as
yet. ~~Although we have not yet confirmed the story to ZUCKER, he has not~~
~~filed story, although he has~~ ~~been satisfied with informative statement, but presumably~~
~~is filing story, which has been sent in alert to AP~~
home office.

2. As instructed, SIMONS succeeded in reaching LO by
telephone after Zucker had been contacted. Read him
statement text in English translation as follows. QUOTE
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This testifies that you have hidden motives (ukryte pobudki). Now you say that someone saw this and has approached you with a question, and that you have to give a reply to the press. This explicitly (wyraznie) testifies that all this is intentionally produced (umyslne utworzone) with premeditation to make mischief (z premeditacja knowania), having hidden

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